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Atherton's talks in Israel going 'very slowly'

TEL AVIV, Jan. 17 (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin held an unscheduled meeting Wednesday night with U.S. Mideast mediator Alfred Atherton after the latter spent the day meeting with Israeli legal advisors on issues blocking a Mideast peace treaty.

The prime minister's office said Atherton had requested the meeting with Begin and the request was granted. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was also present at the session.

Dayan and Atherton lunched together earlier in the day.

Atherton had not been scheduled to meet Begin before leaving this weekend for Egypt. Before the Wednesday evening meeting American sources said the Israel-U.S. talks had started so slowly that Atherton's travel plans to Cairo had not been set.

The Begin-Atherton meeting came at a time of markedly low expectations for quick progress toward a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt.

Atherton and Eliazar Ben-Eliezer chief of Begin's bureau, led their teams in two sessions that Atherton described as "important discussions" and did not comment further to reporters.

The announced aim of Atherton's swing through Israel and Egypt is to resolve enough differences over language in the draft treaty so that ministers of the two countries can meet with confidence that they would reach a final agreement.

The Israelis are looking for new ideas from the Americans, reported one insider who declined to say whether Atherton would satisfy this Israeli desire. "They are discussing ways of solving drafting problems, of course, and this involves an exchange of ideas that develop," said the source, who asked not to be identified. An Israeli source said, "We are starting slowly, and with low expectations... the lower we keep our expectations, the smaller will be the disappointment later."

Earlier in Egypt acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali Tuesday expressed the hope that Atherton's visit to Israel and Egypt would help get the stalled peace talks going again.

Dr. Ghali, speaking to reporters at Aswan airport said: "I sincerely hope the visit will achieve the desired objective of getting the talks moving and keep the momentum (of the peace talks)."

Asked if Atherton would meet President Anwar Sadat in Aswan, Ghali said: "I don't know, but it is possible."

As Atherton started his peace mission, the Carter administration sent a "strong protest" to Israel in response to the Tel Aviv government's decision to build new settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, an administration official said Tuesday.

U.S. officials would not comment in detail on the Israeli action for attribution, but under the ground rules that he not be identified by name, one official disclosed that the protest note had been sent.

The official said the new outposts would "not contribute to a summit conference" to resolve the obstacles to a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

The U.S. official, referring to Atherton's mission, said the Israeli action "doesn't make his job any easier."

At the State Department, spokesman Hodding Carter would say only that the administration had received conflicting reports about Israel's plans and that the U.S. position—



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The Ports Authority of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announces that the YAMANITE VESSEL "FUZ LAAN" under the agency of SOUTH EAST ASIA was found hoisting the Saudi Flag whilst berthed at the North side of the pier of Jeddah Islamic Port.

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Andrew Young advocates relating to Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 17 (UPI) — U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, acknowledging the Palestine Liberation Organization's "tremendous influence," believes American diplomacy is hampered by lack of effective relations with Palestinians.

In a magazine interview, he stopped short of advocating U.S. recognition of the PLO, but said there should be some

way to relate to the Palestinian people.

He characterized the PLO's U.N. representatives as "very skilled politicians and very intelligent, decent human beings" who, he hoped, would win in any battle for leadership over those who favored terrorism.

A transcript of the Jan. 9 interview was issued Tuesday by the U.N. Association of the

PNC includes Iran in political agenda

DAMASCUS, Jan. 17 (UPI) — Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat Wednesday made official what had been dominating the private talks of members of the Palestine National Council (PNC) by adding the upheavals in Iran to the political agenda.

Arafat interrupted a lengthy reading of subjects to be debated and said "We add there the topic of Iran. We are with Khomeini and the Iranian people."

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theme at the PNC meeting Wednesday, conference sources reported.

The sources, reporting on speeches by delegation chiefs at a closed-door session added that the other main theme was the need for Palestinian-Arab unity to resist any future Israeli agenda.

Not only had the PLO captured the imagination of the Palestinian people, but it also had tremendous influence within Kuwait (a member of the Security Council), Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon, he said.

How the U.S. should relate to the Palestinians was a matter for discussion, he said. The overwhelming reason for America's not having relations with the PLO was probably Israel, he added.

"It's easy to disagree with that," Young said. "And yet I think that the relationship that the PLO has had to the U.N. has been one of the things that has made it possible for there to be some moderating influences present in the whole Palestinian equation."

There had been a de facto recognition of the political process to liberation by those elements of the Palestinian cause that worked with the U.N., he said.

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To set example

Khuweitir warns teachers to observe prayer times

RIYADH, Jan. 17—The Ministry of Education will take "deterrent action" against teachers and staff failing to observe prayer times, Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuweitir warned Wednesday.

Ministry staff must answer the call to prayer immediately and pray collectively (Jamaa) at the prescribed times to set an example to pupils, he said.

In a memorandum circulated Wednesday to all educational zones in Saudi Arabia, the minister said that the noon prayer should be performed at the place dedicated for it at the school or at the nearest mosque. Pupils and teachers must also pray together at the right times on excursions, while camping or on other special occasions.

The directives apply to teachers, pupils while in their care and service staff, Dr.



Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuweitir

"Ministry staff must devote special attention to Islamic activities", the memorandum said "to preserve purity in their pupils' religious practice, to ensure their commitment to the requirements of Islam and to allow the formation of complete personalities."

The minister also launched a



SPRAY: Spray from a passing car lashes an abandoned truck on streets in Jeddah's Hamra flooded by Tuesday's torrential rain.

scathing attack against smoking in schools and educational establishment and urged all educational staff to cooperate with the authorities in promoting the ministry's campaign against the habit by all possible means: loudspeakers in schools, and educational establishment, wall posters, films, slides, video tapes, seminars and lectures.

Smoking is outlawed on ministry premises under a ministry decree. The Health Ministry recently issued a similar order banning smoking in public hospitals.

In the memorandum Dr. Khuweitir also urged staff to take care over their behavior, to dress soberly and to drop pimicious or unconventional habits inconsistent with Saudi and Muslim practice.

Monday, Dr. Al-Khuweitir discussed with West German Minister of Economic Cooperation, Rainer Oeffergeld the renewal of a technical cooperation treaty which is due to expire by the middle of next year.

Under the treaty, West Germany provides assistance in the development of technical and vocational education in the Kingdom, through the recruitment of teachers and the training of Saudi technical staff in West Germany.

It was also announced Wednesday that Dr. Khuweitir will hold talks next week with Cameroon's minister of education who is due to arrive in Jeddah Tuesday.

Aides discuss South Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Secretary General of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry Najib Al-Dahdah met Saudi Charge d'Affaires Abu Bakr Rafi here Wednesday.

The two officials discussed the latest developments in southern Lebanon.

HONOR GUARD: Chief of Staff Gen. Humaid inspecting a guard of honor at the Ministry of Defense in London Monday.

Humaid watches missile display

LONDON, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid Wednesday saw a demonstration of the British Rapier ground-to-air missile at the Royal Artillery School at Larkhill in the west of England.

Humaid also met Saudi cadets studying at the school.

Gen. Humaid arrived here last Sunday on a five-day official visit at the invitation of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Neil Cameron.

In Dhahran Wednesday, the Royal Saudi Air Force's Technical Studies Institute celebrated the graduation of its 16th class of pilots and technical staff for the maintenance of aircraft. The graduates included cadets from Bahrain and North Yemen.

Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi and Maj. Gen. Ali Yusuf Al-Bouri eastern area commander attended.

Telex popular in Hail

Khamis phones changed to seven-figure numbers

KHAMIS MUSHAIT, Jan. 17 (SPA)—The telephone network here has been completely switched over to the seven-digit system, Southern Region Telephone Director Abbas Sabhi said Wednesday.

Three new telephone buildings will soon be handed over to his authority in Abha, Khamis and Najran and that work was underway to install 8,300 new lines in Abha.

The 32 lines now linking Abha to the rest of the Kingdom will be increased to 48 within a month through a satellite system, and that Abha will shortly be connected

Fahd contacts UAE

ABU DHABI, Jan. 17 (SPA)—Saudi Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Muhammed Mansour Al-Kuwaiti Wednesday conveyed to UAE Deputy Premier Sheikh Hamdan ibn Muhammad a verbal message from Crown Prince Fahd.

He said that telex services have become increasingly popular in the area while teletypes and other telecommunications services were being handled on the same lines.

Progress in telecommunications has had a great social impact on the inhabitants of the area, he said.

Underground telephone networks will be established in Khamis, Najran, Jizan and Bisha, which will be booked into the microwave network before the end of this year.

In Hail, 13 telephones have so far been installed and 10 new wireless centers set up in surrounding rural areas, by Abdullah Salem Al-Scif, regional director said Wednesday.

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● RIYADH, (SPA)—Some 150 Saudi and other Muslim geography experts will open meetings here Saturday at a conference which will be opened by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman at Imam Muhammad

President Numeiri and Lt. Col. Mengistu are due to meet in Sierra Leone shortly.

Yesterday, the Sudanese ambassador called on Mengistu in Addis Ababa to discuss the talks.

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Despite Sudanese brokerage

Eritrea unity talks deadlocked, moderate Jeddah group claims

By Farouk Langman

JEDDAH, Jan. 17—A con-

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UNIFIL troops fire back after rightist shelling

SIDON, Lebanon, Jan. 17 (R)—French troops with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), apparently opened fire with automatic weapons at dawn Wednesday after being shelled by Israeli-backed right-wing militias in southern Lebanon.

The incident happened in the hilltop village of Yater, six kilometers north of the border, where 135 French troops are manning the southernmost UNIFIL garrison.

French officials said the rightists fired three shells after French troops turned back one of their patrols.

The officials said there had been no French casualties but local residents said they saw one soldier injured after the shelling.

The incident came only two

days before the U.N. Security Council debates the renewal of the UNIFIL mandate. The 680-men French combat unit is due to pull out next month and U.N. officials have reported a buildup of rightists apparently anxious to enlarge their territory.

Nigerian troops Wednesday began to take over positions from Iranian forces in southern Lebanon who are due to withdraw by the end of January, residents said.

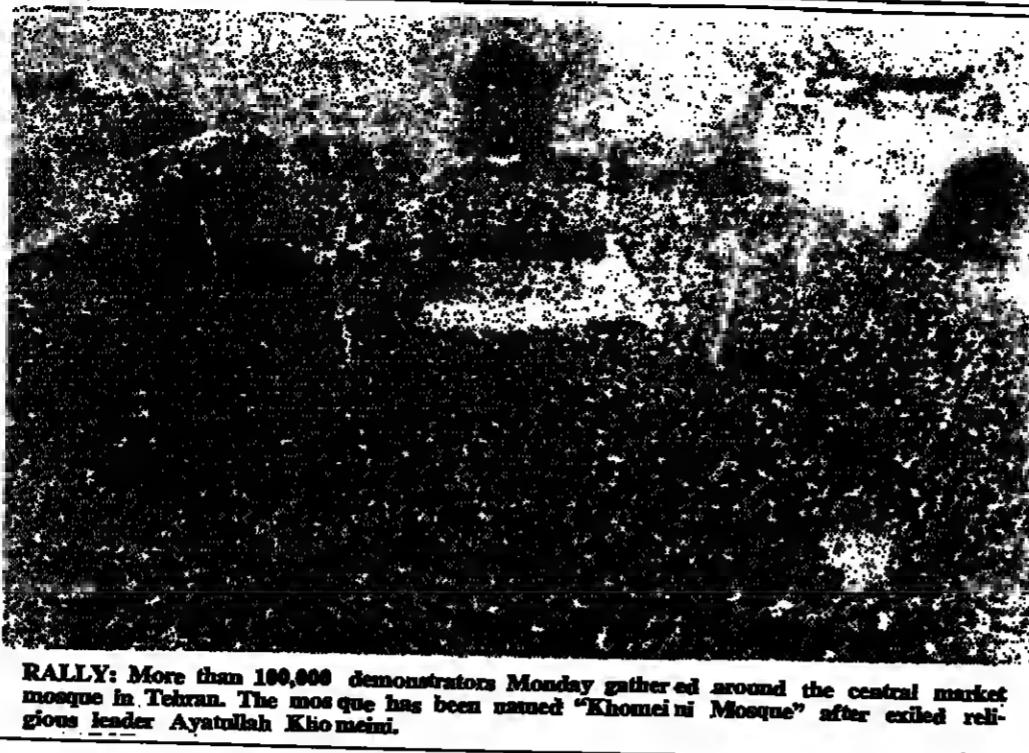
The Iranian Embassy in Beirut has denied reports that 30 of the 600 Iranian troops have defected because of opposition to the Shah.

Also Wednesday, the commander of the rightist forces near the frontier, Maj. Saad Haddad, told a press conference in the northern Israeli town of Metullah that his men would not hesitate to shoot at Lebanese soldiers sent to the area to liaise with United Nations troops.

The south Lebanese rightists have long resisted attempts by the government to send troops to the area, claiming they were collaborating with the mainly-Syrian peacekeeping force in Beirut.

"The Lebanese army had better clean Beirut of the Syrians before it sends men down to our region," Haddad said.

Haddad's men last July prevented the deployment of a Lebanese Army brigade in the area he controls.



RALLY: More than 100,000 demonstrators Monday gathered around the central market mosque in Tehran. The mosque has been named "Khomeini Mosque" after exiled religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Turkish minister says Greece attempting to thwart aid deal

ANKARA, Jan. 17 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Gündüz Okçun Wednesday accused Greece of trying to influence American plans to provide military aid to Turkey.

Speaking at parliamentary committee hearings on the 1979 budget, the minister said "certain new developments call for our reappraisal of policies Greece wants to follow toward Turkey."

Okçun cited a recent statement by a Greek government spokesman to the effect that any defense aid to Turkey detrimental to the balance of power in the Aegean would not be acceptable to Athens.

He pointed out that the statement followed the visit to Ankara last week by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher when plans for a \$300 million American military and economic aid package to Turkey in 1980 were revealed.

This statement can be interpreted as an effort to influence negatively defense aid planned for Turkey and Turkey's relations with its allies," the foreign minister declared.

He said the lack of expected progress in the recent round of negotiations on the Aegean continental shelf dispute between Greece and Turkey, held

in Vienna last week, could also be viewed in this light.

According to diplomatic observers here, Turkish officials were highly disappointed with the result of the Vienna talks.

In London, meanwhile, British Prime Minister James Callaghan said Tuesday that Western aid to Turkey would not be linked to progress toward a Cyprus settlement.

Spying bases in balance as U.S. talks to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UPI) — With the future of American intelligence bases in Iran in doubt, the United States has begun talks with Turkey in Ankara on the future of what may become the last American listening post on the southern Soviet border.

The loss of the bases in both Iran and Turkey would seriously jeopardize the new strategic arms limitation pact be-

Syria, Iraq to unify foreign policies

DAMASCUS, Jan. 17 (R) — Syria and Iraq have agreed to unify their foreign policies and to set up a joint bureau for national security, an official announcement said Wednesday.

It said the accords were reached during three days of talks in Damascus between the foreign and defense ministers of the two countries.

The high-powered Iraqi delegation arrived following reports by Arab diplomatic sources in Damascus that the long-time rivals were planning to merge into a single state.

Syrian officials have made no comment on the reports, but official sources said the latest accords were an important step towards unifying the two countries.

The statement Wednesday said Syrian and Iraqi ambassadors abroad would be instructed to coordinate their activities while the new bureau would supervise security in the two states.

The surprise rapprochement was born last October out of their common opposition to Egyptian-Israeli peace moves, and the two sides have since agreed to set up a joint military command and to normalize political and economic relations.

According to the diplomatic reports, the two countries are working towards a complete merger into a single state with one president, government and combined armed forces.

U.S. colonel found dead in Tehran

TEHRAN, Jan. 17 (UPI) — Col. Arthur W. Fineout, chief of staff of the U.S. military mission in Iran died "accidentally" at his home Tuesday, a military spokesman said Wednesday. The spokesman said Fineout's death was "definitely not the result of foul play or terrorist activity" which had already claimed the lives of two Americans during the current violence in Iran. Nor was it suicide as had been reported, the spokesman said.

Military jails ex-secretary of Sind

KARACHI, Jan. 17 (AP) — A summary military court Tuesday sentenced Muhammad Khan Junejo, former home secretary of the government of Sind to one year's imprisonment and fined him \$5,000. He was found guilty of committing irregularities during the regime of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

38 Dacca hunger strikers failing

DACCA, Jan. 17 (AP) — The condition of 38 stranded Pakistanis who have been on a hunger strike since last Friday is critical, the eastern news agency reports. The strikers demand repatriation of over 300,000 of their countrymen in Bangladesh. Over 5,000 Pakistanis have held demonstrations daily since Friday to press their demands for repatriation as agreed by Pakistan and India in 1973.

U.K. names new envoy to Bahrain

LONDON, Jan. 17 (R) — Harold Walker, a senior career diplomat, will be Britain's new ambassador to Bahrain and will take up his post there in March, the Foreign Office announced Wednesday. A fluent Arabic speaker, Walker has previously served in Jeddah, Washington, Damascus, Cairo and Dubai.

Bahrain heir ends Morocco visit

CASABLANCA, Jan. 17 (R) — Sheikh Hamed Ibn Issa Al-Khalifa, crown prince and defense minister of Bahrain, left the airport here after a private visit to Morocco where he had talks Tuesday night with King Hassan II in Marrakesh.

Kuwait accepts Somalia invitation

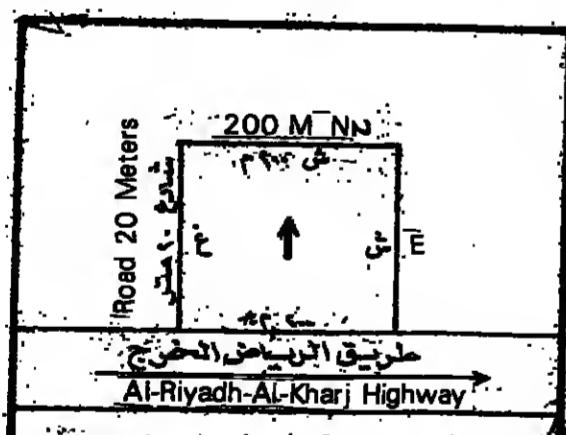
KUWAIT, Jan. 17 (R) — Kuwait has agreed to Somalia's invitation to host the next session of the Arab League Council in Mogadishu in March, officials said Wednesday. Egypt, Sudan, North Yemen, Oman and Morocco also agreed to hold the meeting at the Somali capital.

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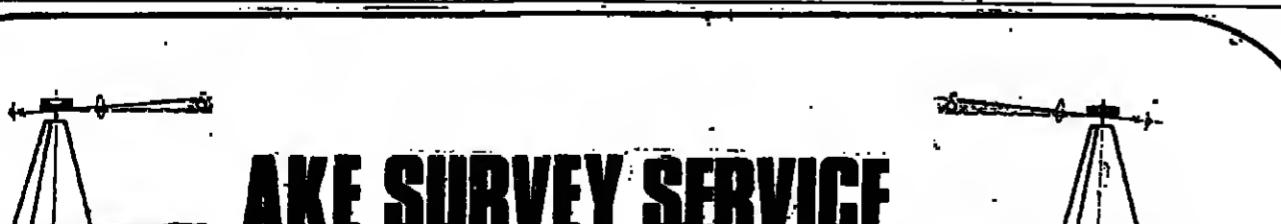
LAND FOR RENT

A 36,000 square meter land for rent on Al-Kharj Highway, North, South of the Industrial Area near the Riyadh Refinery.

- 1 — A front of 200 meters on the main Al-Riyadh — Al-Kharj Highway.
- 2 — Surrounded by two roads, Al-Kharj 42 meters wide and another road 20 meters wide.
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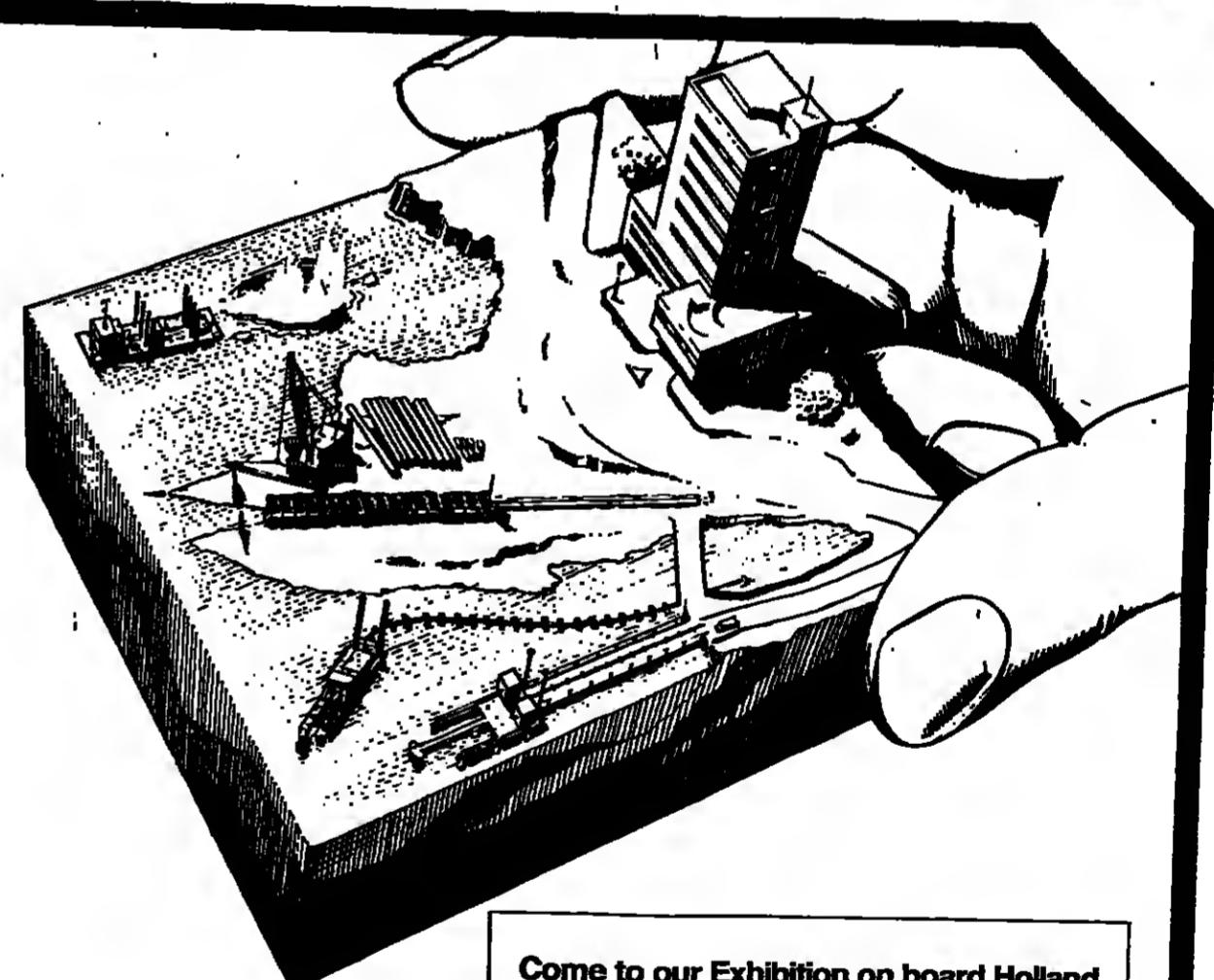


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Limited self-government

Greenlanders voting on home rule

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 17 (UPI) — Greenlanders end a one-generation leap from a rural economy to the nuclear age with a vote Wednesday on a home rule proposal aimed at loosening Denmark's grip on the Arctic island.

The 30,000 voters were expected to accept the autonomy formula, which gives them a greater say in domestic affairs but keeps Denmark in control of the natural resources on the

world's largest island.

Greenland was a Danish colony from 1721 until 1953, when it was incorporated into the Kingdom in 1953. Home rule will give Greenland the same status as the Faroe Islands, an Atlantic island community under the Danish crown.

The two strategically important NATO early warning bases on the island will not be affected by home rule changes.

Italian rightist trial defendant vanishes past 30 police guards

CATANZARO, Italy Jan. 17 (UPI) — A second top defendant in Italy's most explosive post-war neo-Fascist trial has apparently disappeared from his enforced residence in a heavily-guarded apartment.

Investigators said Tuesday Giovanni Ventura had eluded the 30 officers assigned to guard him day and night. Roadblocks had been set up around this southern Italian city.

Ventura and his political associate Franco Freda, who disappeared Oct. 4 in similar circumstances, are the key rightist defendants in a now 10-year-old, three-times postponed trial for a 1969 Milan bank bombing in which 16 people died.

An anonymous telephone caller told the Italian news agency ANSA the "Communist squads" had abducted Ventura. "We have Ventura and will release him only when the Green Brigades free Freda," a woman said.

The rightist "Green Brigades" claim to be holding Freda, but police have been unable to trace the group or Freda. The mysterious disappearance

came as a wave of neo-Fascist violence smashed against Italy and threatened to topple the shaky 10-month-old government of Christian Democratic Premier Giulio Andreotti.

The radical party called for the immediate resignation of Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni.

Two persons have been killed and more than 20 injured in fighting between rival rightist and leftist factions since neo-Fascist terrorists wounded five women on a raid on a Rome

radio station Jan. 9.

Police said they went to check on Ventura in his downtown Catanzaro apartment Monday night but got not answer after repeatedly ringing the buzzer. The lights were on, as was a radio. They also found a hassled bound.

The officers refused to say how long Ventura had been missing. His disappearance was almost identical to Freda's, who somehow escaped, or was abducted from, his apartment while under 24-hour watch.

Once a society of hunters and fishers, the Greenlanders are finding it difficult to mix old and new.

Colony too crowded

Hong Kong tightens up on immigration

HONG KONG, Jan. 17 (AP) — Hong Kong has imposed restrictions on immigration from China in an effort to curb the spiraling population growth which is choking the colony, but enforcement may be difficult.

The government says visitors from China who previously used one-to-six month visas to settle here will now be allowed to remain "only as long

as their travel permits are valid."

Hong Kong, with 4.7 million people on 1,045 square kilometers, much of it built over, is one of the most densely populated cities of the world and is becoming more every day.

Hong Kong Governor Sir Murray MacLehose recently told the Legislative Council that the colony could not take

any more immigrants without impairing its economy.

The new restrictions followed a mass exodus of immigrants — legal and illegal — from China last year. At the same time, several thousand Vietnamese refugees were stranded in international waters off Hong Kong.

The government said legal immigrants from China totalled 71,520 in 1978, compared with only 26,000 in 1977. It estimated illegal immigrants at 33,000 in 1978.

Just after World War II, Hong Kong's population was 460,000 but with a massive influx of refugees from China, especially after the Communists won control of the mainland in 1949, it has grown 10 times in the past 34 years and the government has become increasingly concerned.

Hong Kong has asked London to negotiate with Peking on possible reduction of the number of immigrants. No satisfactory reply has been received, government sources said.

The colony has no natural resources to speak of and cannot provide housing, education and jobs for the growing numbers of newcomers.

Many, including some officials, believe effective enforcement of the new restrictions depends mainly on China's attitude.

1.2 billion kroner (240 million) grant to the island.

After elections to a Greenland assembly in May, a three-year devolution period will gradually grant Greenlanders control over taxation, the government body, education and the welfare system.

The assembly will administer the yearly grant, financed by the Danish tax-payer.

The two main political parties — Social, labor, and Socialist, liberal — said only a low turnout could threaten the proposal. In the 122 townships on the island, voter turnout has ranged from 70.2 per cent in the 1977 general election to 31.1 per cent in a vote last August on lowering the voter age from 20 to 18.

The minor Inuit party, with a Marxist structure, wants total independence from Denmark, but has told followers to vote no as "home rule" is a "capitalist ploy."

Laws concerning Greenland will be referred to the assembly before they are introduced to the Danish parliament, where Greenland will keep its two seats.

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MANILA: Vietnamese refugees aboard the Tung An in Manila Bay. Wednesday an old man from the ship died in hospital. Although it was not revealed what he had died of, the hospital said he had been admitted with a form of malnutrition.

Was suffering from malnutrition

Refugee from Tung An dies

MANILA, Jan. 17 (AP) —

One of the more than 2,300 Vietnamese refugees who arrived in Manila bay aboard the Tung An cargo ship late last month has died and was cremated and buried here Wednesday, United Nations official said.

The refugee, identified as

Champine Phat, 68, was one of several transferred to a government hospital one day after the Hong Kong-based freighter Tung An dropped anchor in the bay Dec. 27. The Jose Rizal Memorial Hospital said Phat died on Sunday.

The hospital said it was not at liberty to disclose the cause of death but confirmed the man was suffering from "hypoproteinemia," a form of malnutrition, when he was admitted Dec. 28 with four other Tung An "boat people," including a pregnant woman and an infant.

Werner Blaetter, local representative of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, suppressed because the Philippine government, which has said news of the death was handed reporters from boarding the vessel, did not want any publicity. He did not say why.

That's death was the first among the Tung An refugees since they arrived here four days after the Panama-registered ship was turned away from the British protectorate of Brunei.

Swam ashore in Sydney

Defector vows suicide if returned

SYDNEY, Jan. 17 (UPI) —

An 18-year-old Russian woman who wriggled to freedom through the porthole of a Soviet ship has said she will kill herself if immigration officials force her to return.

"Please let me stay," Lilian Gasinskaya pleaded in an interview with the "Daily Mirror" newspaper published Wednesday.

"I'll kill myself if they try to send me home," she said. "I don't want to go back to Russia. I hate Russia. It's not

the people, it's the system that I'm against. It's no good."

Mrs. Gasinskaya, clad only in a red bikini, squeezed through a porthole of the Soviet cruise ship Leonid Sobolov and dived into Sydney harbor.

A native of Odessa in the southern Soviet Union and a new member of the ship's crew, she swam nearly 40 minutes, dodging patrolling Russian crewmen with searchlights.

A university employee discovered her at midnight, blearily and in a daze near the Sydney wharves.

When found on the docks, she asked for clothes and explained she had jumped ship and was seeking asylum in Australia.

She apparently began to plot an escape from the Soviet Union when she was 14.

"I began to realize what Communism was all about and what it meant," she told the newspaper. "I realized it was based on lies and propaganda and I slowly began to hate it."

The long wait here and weather had caused these youths to become desperate and they tried to force themselves into the engine room. But we, the older ones, prevented them from doing it," refugee spokesman Chu Hsien-ming said.

The 2,290-ton freighter was denied permission to enter Hong Kong Dec. 23 because its next official port of call was Kaohsiung in Taiwan. Since then it has been anchored off Hong Kong in international waters.

Chu said the youth tried to rock the boat "by running from one side of the ship to the other." "This lasted for three hours and finally we calmed them down," he said.

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Callaghan smoothes Soviet feathers

LONDON, Jan. 17 (AP) — Prime Minister James Callaghan has tried to assure the Soviet Union that it has nothing to fear from the prospect of Britain establishing better trade relations with China.

Callaghan told the House of Commons his government does not intend to "play the China card" against Russia, which has become uneasy over the development of better relations between Western countries and its rival Communist neighbor.

The prime minister was reporting to the Commons on the Jan. 6-7 Guadalupe summit attended by Callaghan, United States President Carter and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Some members had asked Callaghan about the possible sale of British Harrier jump-jet fighters to China.

The prospective sale was one subject discussed. Callaghan reportedly told the others that Britain has decided in principle to sell the aircraft to China, provided it is part of a large trade package covering a wide range of capital and consumer goods.

Huey Fong refugees attempt to capsize ship

HONG KONG, Jan. 17 (AP) — About 300 young Vietnamese Wednesday tried to rock the refugee-packed freighter Huey Fong from side to side and force it to capsize, but others among the 3,100 refugees aboard kept the vessel balanced.

In a statement Wednesday night, the government denied it had been the master of the vessel an ultimatum. It said that the refugees "could not expect to be further reprovisioned" and "the Huey Fong should continue on its voyage to Kaohsiung without further delay."

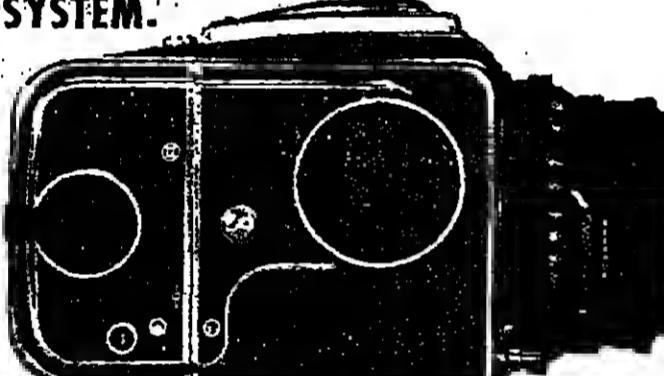
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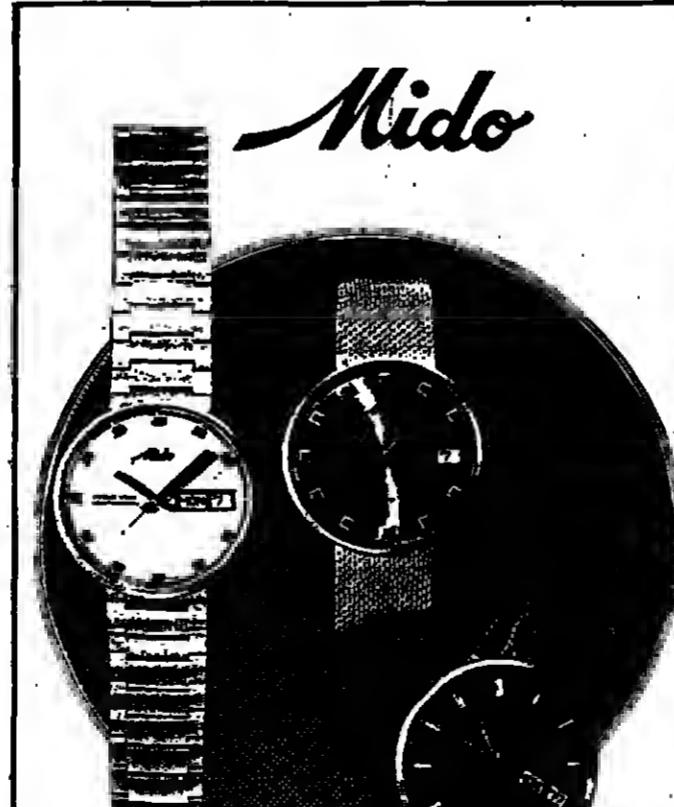
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Blizzard of '79 still has grip on U.S. Midwest

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (AP) — Emergency blood supplies were airlifted to Chicago as travel remained snarled by snow in midwestern portions of the United States. Temperatures finally warmed a bit, easing energy demands.

The death toll from the weekend storm and bitter cold rose to 61.

Schools remained closed and Checker Taxi Cab Co. offered \$25 to anyone willing to dig out one of more than 100 abandoned cars buried under the 30 centimeters of snow covering Chicago.

San Franciscan arraigned for assassinations

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17 (AP) — Former supervisor Dan White faced a closed-door session Wednesday to determine if he should be bound over for trial in the deaths of Mayor George Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk.

White, 32, faces two counts of first-degree murder in the Nov. 27 shootings at City Hall.

The session was convened at the request of White's attorney who said he wanted to protect his client from prejudicial publicity. News organizations contended the public would have been better served by an open hearing.

White has been in jail for the slayings of Moscone and Milk. He might face death in the gas chamber if convicted.

Second safest year to fly

U.S. scheduled airlines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UPI) — U.S. airlines, which carried 13 per cent more passengers last year, had the second lowest fatality rate in history, while general aviation fatalities rose 18 per cent, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

In its annual air crash report, the board said 1,690 people died in general aviation accidents up from the 1,436 who died in 1977. General aviation includes non-airline aircraft such as pleasure craft, air taxis and air commuter services.

Chairman James B. King



TEARS: Coretta Scott King has tears in her eyes as President Carter kisses her during ceremonies in Atlanta to mark the 50th anniversary of the birth of her late husband, Martin Luther King Jr. King was assassinated in Memphis in April 1968. Tuesday a United Nations delegation flew to Atlanta to pay tribute to his memory.

Young assails S. Africa

U.N. honors Martin Luther King

ATLANTA, Jan. 17 (AP) — Envys of 43 foreign nations paid tribute Tuesday to Martin Luther King Jr., in a program which U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young said was meant to "build a fire" under President Carter's efforts against apartheid in South Africa.

The representatives attended a meeting of the United Nations Special Committee against Apartheid.

The meeting was part of a six-day observance of King's birthday.

The slain civil rights leader would have been 50 on Monday.

We are working with you for an end of apartheid in South Africa and anywhere else in the world that it might occur," Young told the group.

Later he said the meeting was designed "as a foundation for the United States efforts against apartheid... to build a fire under President Carter to work strongly against the South African system."

Carter received the Martin Luther King Non-Violent Peace Prize last Sunday during ceremonies at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King served as co-pastor.

The African and other Third World people will never forget Martin Luther King Jr. He is recognized by the freedom fighters in Africa as their spiritual leader," said Abdul Meguid, the Egyptian U.N. representative.

"Now that Dr. King's dream has become a reality in his own country, let us pray that it will come true in Soweto... and all of South Africa," Meguid said.

A black South African ac-

cused the committee of supporting economic sanctions that he said have been useless because of the power of multinational corporations.

"We black people of South Africa want to say to the world, we are tired of being used as pawns — pawns in the big power game of the world," said the Rev. Gabriel Setela of the African National Congress of South Africa.

Prime Minister Ola Ullsten of Sweden said he hopes whites in South Africa will

one day understand Dr. King's "message of love."

"We hope and pray that the white minority of South Africa will finally understand the message of love that Martin Luther King so desperately tried to make his compatriots understand and accept," Ullsten said.

"The system of apartheid dooms human beings, just because of the color of their skin, to life-long degradation and humiliation," Ullsten said.

Military buildup in Europe

Haig warns again on Soviets

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 17 (UPI) — Gen. Alexander Haig Jr., who recently resigned as commander of NATO forces in Europe, has warned that the international balance of power is threatened by the Soviet Union's massive military capabilities.

In his first major public speech, Haig Tuesday criticized what he called the Soviets' "illegal" intervention in Africa and the rest of the Third World.

The former Nixon White House chief of staff, whose resignation does not take effect until June, addressed the Yale Political Union, a 1,000-member organization.

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MIDEAST CHANGES

The Iranian crisis has added new complications to the still deadlocked peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel. The uncertainties involved make it difficult to predict exactly what course the Egyptian-Israeli treaty talks will take if the Carter administration is successful in getting the two countries back to the bargaining table. But from our perspective, it appears likely that Israel will use the destabilization of Iran as an excuse to "renegotiate" certain clauses of the proposed draft treaty and thus prolong the peace talks indefinitely. The Israelis are in no hurry to sign a peace agreement with Egypt, since they know that the focus of world attention would then shift to the thorny questions of the West Bank-Gaza Strip and Palestinian autonomy, a problem the Begin government would prefer to put off as long as possible. But Israel also realizes that it must keep the negotiations going.

Thus we can expect the Israeli government to play the "Iranian card," in an effort to increase American sympathy for the Jewish state and transfer the burden of peace onto the shoulders of Egypt and the other Arab states. In the pre-1973 era, Israel regarded itself and Iran as the guardians of American interests in the Middle East. The October War and the current disorders in Iran have virtually shattered the so-called Israeli-Iranian axis, but Israel's leadership realizes it must attempt to maintain the fiction of the Jewish state's role as "Middle East policeman" or risk losing precious support in the U.S. Congress. In order to play its cherished role as a bulwark against the encroachment of the Soviet Union, Israel will ask the United States for greater financial and military aid to "compensate" for the proposed abandonment of its military posture in Sinai. At the same time, the Begin government can be expected to press the United States for the elimination of the linkage concept from the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, on the grounds that consideration of the difficult question of Palestinian rights would prove a "dangerous distraction" at a time when Israel must turn its attention to larger, regional security matters, i.e., the threat of major Soviet gains in the Gulf region.

Which brings us to oil. Israel has already lost 60 per cent of its petroleum imports as a result of the Iranian crisis, and it is highly unlikely that the Bakhtiar government — or any possible successor — would ever agree to resume oil shipments to the Jewish state. To make up the loss, Israel is rushing to develop a new oil field in Sinai, a move that foreshadows bitter wrangle with Egypt over control of Sinai's petroleum resources in the context of the proposed peace treaty. The Israelis have made it clear they want to retain part-ownership of Sinai oil operations after the conclusion of a treaty, and they are insisting Egypt become a major supplier of oil to Israel in the post-treaty era. Egypt, quite naturally, has rejected both demands. We can look forward to major negotiating clashes on these issues if the peace talks do indeed resume.

Ironically, the Americans may want Egypt to stand firm on the Sinai oil issues. If Israel is forced to rely on the United States for its oil, as existing agreements between the two countries provide in the event of a cutoff of Israeli imports, then the Carter administration will find itself with unexpected leverage for pressuring Israel into an equitable peace settlement.

On the regional security question, Israel will probably fail to win back its former role. The Jewish state fell from grace in 1973 as far as U.S. policymakers are concerned, and nothing it has done since that time warrants a return to the old security arrangements. Instead, the Congress and the administration are likely to continue bolstering America's new alliances with states like Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It is doubtful that Israel will ever again serve as the cornerstone of U.S. security policy in the Middle East, regardless of arguments put forth by the Begin government.

The Korean armies

By Don Oberdorfer

WASHINGTON —

A new U.S. army intelligence study has increased substantially the estimate of North Korean ground combat power, furnishing new arguments to opponents of President Carter's plan to withdraw U.S. ground troops from the divided peninsula.

The new study, which is the subject of controversy within the government, reportedly concludes that North Korea has the equivalent of about 41 divisions rather than 25 divisions as previously estimated. A major increase in numbers of tanks and other weapons is also reported.

A press account of the new study published this month by the "Army Times" prompted a demand by two members of Congress that President Carter halt further U.S. troop withdrawals from South Korea.

Reps. Samuel Stratton (Democrat-New York) and Robin Beard (Republican-Tennessee),

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chairman and ranking Republican of the investigations subcommittee of the House armed services committee, asked Carter by letter to furnish details of the intelligence data without delay and to stop the pullout until the committee can make a full evaluation.

State Department officials

said there has been no sudden surge in North Korean military strength, but that the new estimates evidently reflect improved U.S. recording of a gradual increase over a long period of time. Although there is still no agreed estimate within the overall intelligence community on precise numbers, State Department officials said it is agreed that North Korean ground forces are substantially stronger than previously believed.

No figure is available on the actual increase in the number of North Korean army troops, which has been reported in the past to be about 440,000.

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Leftists rise in Iran

By Joe Alex Morris Jr.

TEHRAN —

With victory almost in sight, militant Mullahs in Iran are expressing fears that leftist extremists may seize the leadership of the struggle to oust the Shah.

Nearly every senior religious leader in the country, as well as Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, has recently urged the Muslim faithful not to let the situation get out of hand. While publicly accusing supporters of the Shah of trying to split the opposition ranks, the religious leaders clearly are warning their followers to beware of the political left.

In recent weeks, leftist agitators have emerged as the driving force behind anti-Shah demonstrations across the country. Increasingly, the extremists have disavowed the religious leadership of the struggle.

Khomeini put the fear of a leftist takeover succinctly in a message to his followers. He urged them not to join in attacks on the families and property of agents of Savak, the Shah's Iranian secret police.

"Such action would be against Islamic teachings," he told them. "Any such actions are the work of those who are trying to create panic which might justify a military coup."

In Tabriz, Ayatollah Mohammed Ali Ghazi Tabatabai blamed extremists for a rampage there in which many fires were set. He did not identify them, but he said they were trying to defame Islam. He telephoned his complaint to Khomeini, who lives in exile outside Paris, and that conversation may have led to

Khomeini's appeal for moderation.

In Shiraz, Ayatollah Majeddin Muhktari issued a similar appeal to his followers not to attack innocent persons. "Such actions will have negative implications for our movement," he said.

In Tehran, Mahmoud Taghizadeh, the capital's leading Ayatollah, said the "enemy" was trying to start a psychological war between the army and the people. He appealed to his followers not to blame army officers for the violence.

But what he fears has been happening with increasing frequency. In Yazd, demonstrators killed one person and wounded eight others when they attacked the home of a police captain.

The extremists are represented in two main organizations with many offshoots. One of the major groups is the Mujahedeen, religious extremists whom the Shah called "Islamic Marxists," an underground group formed eight years ago for political operations.

The other is the Fedayeen, a revolutionary group further to the left that disavows any religious ties.

Both have been increasingly active as the political stalemate has continued here.

They have been particularly effective in the oil fields, where an emissary from Khomeini tried to persuade striking workers to return to the job to get production back up to levels sufficient to supply the domestic market. Production has remained at less than half the required domestic level, despite an agreement reached between the workers and the emissary two weeks ago.

Khomeini's negotiator, Meh-

di Bazargan, won the agreement to raise production, but according to knowledgeable sources, he sent Khomeini a message on the situation that, as one put it, "startled the hell out of Khomeini." He reportedly warned the religious leader that the movement in the oil fields was passing into leftist hands.

The Shah left Tehran for Egypt Tuesday, and many fear he may never return. But the rift in opposition ranks built up in the period before his departure, and may not be welded together again even in the Shah's absence.

The extremist forces appear to be gaining further strength. The level of violence and atrocities by both sides has steadily mounted. Opposition sources said training lectures or urban warfare are now being conducted openly around Tehran, and a book on the subject is on sale for 120 rials (\$1.50).

The public appears alarmed by these developments. People are placing ads in the personal columns of Farsi-language newspapers denying charges that they are Savak agents or have exported money from the country. Here in Tehran, Ayatollah Taghizadeh has gone out of his way to reassure the families of soldiers who had been subject to death threats.

Around the country, in cities like Tabriz, Shiraz, and Ardestan, the religious leaders have set up youth patrols to try to keep order in the streets at night when the army is not patrolling. A senior army general said recently that groups of trained agitators are now moving about the country, inciting people to violence and then moving on. (LAT)

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They drill in empty fields in the countryside, ostensibly training "to teach people to vote" but displaying an ominous military discipline.

Reports attributed to Catholic missionaries say Sufi

and Mugabe's in Mozambique.

—Discriminatory laws against blacks were slow in being repealed. Black leaders charged the present white-dominated parliament with stalling.

—The promised elections were postponed until April.

—And the threat of civil war between the new black political armies within Rhodesia, added to increasing lawlessness throughout the land, caused white Rhodesians to leave in record-breaking numbers.

Meanwhile the Rhodesian army — four-fifths of it royal blacks and white reservists called up six times a year — was reaching its limits in coping with unprecedented shooting sorties into Salisbury's suburbs, as well as an expanding guerrilla war.

Rural whites formed their own defense units, but this sometimes contributed to the breakdown of law and discipline. "There are too many aspiring Napoleons" among them, Foreign Minister David Smith complained publicly. (LAT)

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The food of the pharaohs

By Clare Kent

JEDDAH — "Taffafalun," said the Bedouin beckoning us into his tent to share his meal. We had merely stopped to ask the way in the desert north of Taif, but such is the tradition of hospitality in the Middle East that he was prepared to feed our large party as well as his own enormous family.

This traditional hospitality can be found all over the Middle East, and many of the dishes cooked are the same or very similar, in every country, whether served in tent, hut, house or palace. However, each country also has its own variations and specialities.

Some of the dishes which are still eaten by Egyptians today can be traced back to the time of the pharaohs. A good example of this is "Melokhia," a peasant soup, the making of which is believed to be portrayed in pharaonic tomb paintings. The soup is made from the deep green melokhia leaves which are grown in the summer by the peasants and dried for winter use. The soup is made with meat stock by those who can afford it, but the very poor use vegetable stock. The melokhia leaves give the soup a glutinous texture.

"Bamia" or okra, made into a stew with meat, is another ancient dish still eaten today. The "national" dish of Egypt—"Ful Medames" — also probably dates from pharaonic times.

Bamia and meat stew

2 lb. okra (bamia or ladies fingers)
2 lg. onions
2 cloves garlic
2 oz. butter or 3 tbsp. oil
2 lb. stewing beef, lamb or veal, cubed
½ lb. ripe tomatoes sliced
1-2 tbsp. tomato concentrate
Salt and black pepper
Juice of one lemon
1 tsp. ground coriander

Wash the okra and cut off the stems. Fry the chopped onions and whole garlic cloves in butter or oil until both are golden. Add the cubed meat and brown all over. Then add the prepared okra and fry gently for a little while longer. Add the tomatoes, continue to cook for a few more minutes, and cover with water in which you have diluted the tomato concentrate. Season with salt and pepper, and stir well. Bring to the boil and simmer over low heat for 1½ hours or more, until the meat and vegetables are very tender and the rich sauce is reduced, adding a little more water if necessary. Taste and adjust seasonings.

The juice of a lemon may be added to the sauce, and a teaspoon of ground coriander can be fried with the garlic and onion before adding the meat, for those who like its distinctive taste.

Ful Medames

2 lb. Egyptian brown beans (soaked overnight)
2-4 cloves garlic, crushed
6 hamine eggs (hard-boiled eggs)
Finely chopped parsley
Olive oil

Quartered lemons
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Boil the soaked beans in fresh water in a large saucepan until tender. This may take up to six hours (or you could use a pressure cooker, which will reduce the time considerably). When the beans are soft, drain them and add crushed garlic to taste. Serve in a bowl with hard-boiled hamine eggs and sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serve olive oil, lemon and black pepper for dressing the beans. To eat, mash up the egg in the beans and season to taste with dressing. Scoop up with pieces of flat Arab bread.

Bald Hamine

Put the eggs and skins from several onions in a very large saucepan. Fill the pan with water, cover and simmer very gently over the lowest possible heat for at least six hours. This long cooking process produces eggs with beige-colored whites and delicious creamy yolks.

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1 lg. roasting chicken
1 calf's foot
6 eggs in their shells
1 lb. hulled whole wheat kernels, soaked overnight

Examining herbal medicines

By Thomas Land

GENEVA—Health specialists from all over the world have come together in a global

project to establish a list of reliable, inexpensive and widely available herbal drugs. The project could well be criticized by the champions of Western classical medicine. But a spokesman for the United Nations' World Health Organization (WHO) explains here that the scheme offers a potential solution for many urgent public health problems in the developing countries which would be otherwise beyond their economic means.

Coincidentally, many American, European and Japanese drug companies, whose products are much too expensive for the developing countries, are also engaged in a search through the jungles of Asia, Africa and Latin America for medically active plants which can save them time, trouble and money otherwise spent on conventional research.

As one specialist put it: "The (American) Indians have found many of the drugs that we use today, such as cocaine, quinine, mescaline and curare. How many more medicinal plants might there be which could be of value to man, especially in the treatment of mental illness, an area about which we still know so little? We suspect that there are many new drugs to be discovered which could act on the nervous system.

"And these indigenous resources could constitute the basis on which the development programs of many countries could be founded."

Professor Michel Attisso of Togo, the chief pharmacist of the Montpellier Regional Hospital in France, recently launched the WHO project here at a specialist conference about the best ways of approaching the list of acceptable herbal medicines.

Many specialists agree that several crude drugs can be extracted from medicinal plants without highly sophisticated, expensive equipment. They are used effectively in the treatment of certain diarrhoeal diseases, a considerable health problem in many developing countries. Other diseases, such as benign hypertension and certain forms of diabetes, also respond to treatment by medicinal plants.

1-2 tsp. turmeric
2-3 tbsp. oil



Salt and black pepper

Wash the chicken. Scrape the calf's foot and blanch it in boiling water to clean it. Scrub the egg shells well.

Put all the ingredients in a large saucepan and cover with about two pints of water. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 3-4 hours, or until the chicken is practically falling apart, the calf's foot and the wheat well cooked.

Remove the eggs, shell them and return them to the pan. Cook for a further ten minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning.

Amarantine cream

This pudding is traditionally made in Egypt during Ramadan. Put about one pound of amarantine (sheets of dried, compressed apricots) in a bowl and cover with about 1½ pts. water. Let the sheets soak for several hours, then bring to the boil in the same water and simmer until they are very soft and have practically dissolved. Add sugar to taste if you wish and cook gently until the mixture thickens into a rich cream. Stir occasionally with a wooden spoon and take care not to let the cream burn. Add a few halved, blanched almonds, mix well and pour into a serving bowl. Serve chilled with whipped cream. This cream can also be made with ordinary dried apricots.

BOOKSHELF

By Leslie Hanscom

NEW YORK — Reading the poetry of Rod McKuen is an experience that for some of us offers about the same thrill as eating duck feathers with a spoon. But that is a minority viewpoint. His books of love-song mooning in verse are reported to have sold 16 million copies. McKuen claims to be the world's most popular poet, and the world being what it is, who doubts it?

His appeal to the young is so magnetic that he has been called "the teeny-bopper's Edgar Guest."

McKuen came to prominence in the 1960s when the pop mode in verse and song was to yowl about the ills of society. The author of "Listen to the Wind," however, made calf love and the loneliness of being misunderstood his themes.

This caused the generation that was roughly a dozen years past toilet training to regard him as the Homer, Dante and Shakespeare of their time.

It is the portrait of a colossus. McKuen's poetry, we learn, is "taught and studied in schools, colleges, universities and seminaries."

His third symphony, commissioned by the Meiningen Foundation, parent of the nation's most illustrious laughing academy, was premiered three years ago in Topeka, Kansas.

His philanthropies and causes include a foundation for animals and efforts on the soapbox for women's rights. There

is much, much more in the testimonial.

Any time you encounter him in person, McKuen will gladly expand on it. The other morning in the offices of his publisher, he was discussing his many achievements, and his eloquence outran the pencil of the interviewer who was trying to write it down. Any journalist who purports to quote McKuen exactly is bluffing. When McKuen is talking about McKuen, a stereotyped couldn't keep up.

The most globally significant of his recent activities, the poet revealed, was writing the music for the television documentary, "The Unknown War." For this film about the fighting on the Eastern Front in World War II, he composed 26 hours of music, which included 60 waltzes, 40 marches, 2 canzoni and a piano concerto.

McKuen himself is an epic in thumbnail form. A diminutive figure wearing sneakers and closely trimmed beard, he projects a sense of self that could dwarf Wagner.

He said he went to work on the TV documentary "because I felt I could do something for international understanding which the two governments couldn't I gave the first integrated concert in South Africa I led the first wo-

men's lib parade in Australia."

Critics, in their blindness and envy, make light of McKuen's contribution to contemporary culture, but they haven't damaged his prosperity. His home base in California is a 28-room mansion. The size of this layout shouldn't be interpreted as ostentation, McKuen said, because all the rooms are used. For example, seven of them are libraries. As a reader of two books a day, he needs shelf space.

McKuen is now a bachelor and, he said, is encouraging his son, who is 20 and lives in France, to be the same — at least for the time being.

Coming from the world's favorite poet of love, isn't that a little cynical? "As for that 'Poet of Love' business," McKuen said, "I don't know how I ever got that rap. If you look at my work, you'll find out that there's a lot of political and social awareness in it. Go back to a book like "Listen to the Wind," and you'll see I was saying things like, 'Let us not let our hair grow so long that we can't see through it.'"

And true enough — that's not only poetry, it makes you think. — (Newday).

OASIS

By Shirley Chase

JEDDAH — Welcome to

Oasis. This column will give you information on all aspects of gardening in Saudi Arabia: What will grow in poor soil, hot sun, on balconies, dark places inside, about simple hanging plants, creative planting outside, whether it's worth the expense to have a gardener, transplanting wild plants from the desert, and just plain general tips on how to have green growth in your environment.

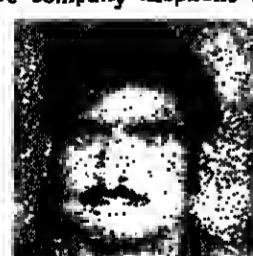
Do I water my plants with distilled water? A common question asked here. Is it possible to grow herbs? Why garden anyway? Is it worth your time and trouble to exert yourself in the heat if the factors aren't perfect for growth? Is the result worth the labor with the expense?

Living plants supply color and warmth to your surroundings, soften the starkness of bare walls. The mystery of watching a living thing grow is a dimension in itself. It gives a little extra zest to life to wake up in the morning, relax, and have the pleasure to see how your plants are doing. Outside, once the plants are well established, the air is cooler, it improves the soil and prevents wind and water erosion.

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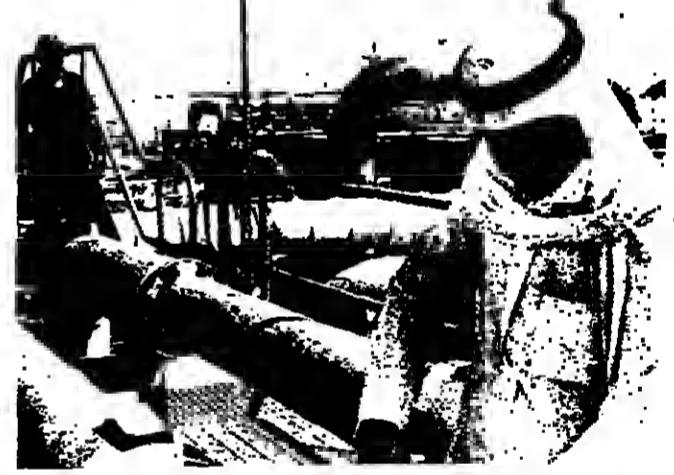
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Indochina's massive exodus from Communism

By George McArthur

BANGKOK. — Two rusty coastal freighters wallow at anchor off Hong Kong and Manila, their decks filled with Vietnamese refugees caught in a limbo between a country they do not want and a world that will not take them.

There are 5,000 refugees — mostly ethnic Chinese — aboard the two ships and more than 200,000 Indo-Chinese of various nationalities in refugee camps in Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines. International refugee officials here predict as many as 1 million more will follow them in flight from communist-ruled Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos over the next five years.

Pragmatic estimates foresee an additional tide of 200,000 people this year, most seeking final asylum in a Western world where few doors remain open to them.

Escaping overland from Laos and Cambodia but mostly by sea from Vietnam, they will find the way stations to freedom already incredibly overcrowded or downright hostile.

Faced with an influx of refugees twice as great as the total that will be accepted by third countries, officials of governments around the southeastern edge of Asia — Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong, the Philippines and elsewhere — are finding reasons for excluding them.

The cause for their apprehension is apparent in the alarming growth of the camps.

The refugee camp at Nong Haj in northeast Thailand has

become an outwardly permanent city of 35,000 with wood frames and thatch buildings, neat but dusty streets and unending soccer games among boys with nothing to do. It has a poor but bearable subsistence economy built on U.N. relief, black-marketeering, barber shops, prostitution and whatever free enterprise activities the refugees can find.

Some have endured the uncertain hiatus for as long as three years.

"The international community really hasn't done anything," he said. "When you talk of refugees you are talking of the big four — France, the United States, Canada and Australia — the rest amount to only a few thousand."

At present rates, the United States is accepting 51,875 annually, France about 12,000, Australia 1,000 and Canada 5,000.

West Germany, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Austria and Britain take only a few hundred annually. Only a handful have gone to Latin America. Asia takes virtually none for permanent settlement. Japan, for example, has accepted only five according to records in Bangkok.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees reports that 600,000 Indo-Chinese have been recorded as refugees from the communist-overrun countries since 1975, but these figures are considered conservative. They only include those recorded and receiving U.N. help, and do not include, for instance, an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 Laotians who crossed the border into Thailand and simply melted into the Thai population. Refugees such as those still aboard ship also are not counted until their status is accepted by some government.

At a meeting in Geneva last month, U.S. Undersecretary of State David Newsom declared: "The international community — and not just a few nations — must respond."

A refugee official on the scene here, however, characterized the final results of the meeting "an empty farce."

In theory, all the Southeast Asian states are now turning away the so-called "Boat People," those Vietnamese who make the dangerous escape by sea, but the small and easily guarded city-state of



FLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES: Malaysians help a Vietnamese woman to shore.

Singapore — with an adequate and efficient coast patrol force — is the only country to make it work.

Although both Thailand and Malaysia have naval patrols out with orders to turn away the refugee, smaller boats get through almost daily. Distant Indonesia has a similar policy but cannot effectively control its waters. Larger vessels headed toward Manila are often intercepted, but smaller boats often land on isolated islands.

Eventually these people usually end up in the U.N.-financed camps, but sometimes the wait is long and tragic. One small boat was beached on an isolated island in the Pescadores, off Taiwan, and the survivors resorted to cannibalism before they finally were spotted and rescued.

Increasingly the nations of Southeast Asia and others have begun to put pressure on

in recent incidents that can be reasonably authenticated — such as the witnessed drowning off Kuala Trenggalek of some 200 refugees — about 1,000 refugees have perished. There is a steady stream of tragic letters to refugee officials asking about missing people who are known to have left Vietnam and have simply vanished.

Perhaps half the small boats reaching Thailand or Malaysia have encountered freebooters in the Gulf of Thailand, which in three years has become the world's most lawless stretch of water. Plunder, rape and murder are common.

All this is known to the people even now planning escapes from Vietnam. An effective grapevine is working, as attested by the obvious calculation, bribery and coordination necessary for the voyages of the Hai Hong, Tung An and Huey Fong.

"If you think that has any effect on these people, you don't know the problem," said a veteran American official who speaks Vietnamese and has worked with refugees for years. "They don't think about where they are going. They just want out."

To get out on a ship like the Hai Hong, a refugee may pay \$2,000 or more, in gold, it is reported — but without verification — that five syndicates, operated by ethnic Chinese, are now arranging such escapes.

It is still possible in Vietnam, through bribery and official collusion, to have a boat specifically built for escape, beginning this week.

A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom.

Jedidah

Saturday, Jan. 20

Hejaz Choral Society meeting. At the PCS, Room 5, 8 p.m. This is a weekly meeting. All singers of choral music are welcome.

Monday, Jan. 22:

Rehearsals for "H.M.S. Pinafore," by the Jeddah English Opera Society. At the British Embassy cinema room, 8-10 p.m. These rehearsals will take place every Monday, Wednesday except for the third Monday of the month. Performance is scheduled for sometime in April.

Monday, Jan. 22 — Wednesday, Jan. 24:

British Fashion Show. Dresses from 15 British fashion houses and lingerie from six houses will be featured. At British Ambassador's residence. Doors open 8:30 p.m. Show begins at 9 p.m. Contact Eric Edwards at the British Embassy commercial section for information and tickets, tel. 27122730. Monday: Saudi women, by invitation only; Tuesday: for all members of the fashion trade; Wednesday: open to the public. Tickets, available at the door, SR 20.

Wednesday, Jan. 24:

Jeddah Light Opera Society "Pinafore" rehearsal. At British Embassy cinema room, 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

DAHIRAN

Tuesday, Jan. 23:

"An Overview of the Saudi Consolidated Electric Company (SCECO)," a talk by Mr. Abdallah Jamil 'Uthman, at the meeting of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. At the Aramco Dining Hall, east wing, Dahiran, 8 p.m. Open to the general public.

In two known incidents, each involving over 300 refugees it took eight months to build such boats.

Most of the smaller vessels, however, carrying 100 people or less, seem to be purchased by small groups acting as a sort of escape cooperative.

"We did not pay for our passage," a refugee in Thailand who came out on such a craft said. "We got enough money to buy a fishing boat and we left."

Such bribery and collusion have been involved in escapes ever since the fall of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) in 1975, but with the exodus reaching awesome proportions, officials

in nearby countries have been using this as an excuse.

They contend the refugees are simply illegal emigrants who paid their way out. Land has long had a self-enforced, discriminating between economic refugees who are barred, and political refugees who are not.

The United States has made such a distinction. U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees has accepted principle in theory, nations like Thailand and Malaysia insist upon it, and manages to avoid its application. — (LAT)

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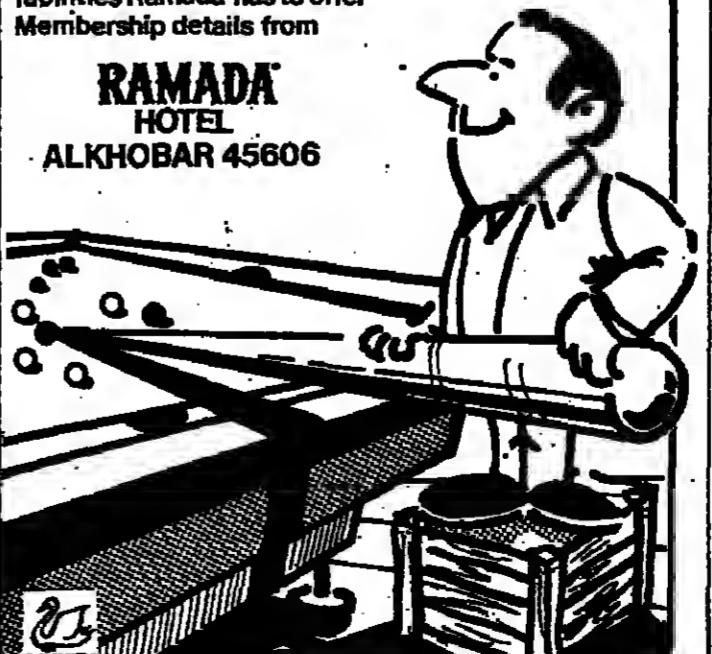
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Carter begs nation to use less oil

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP) — The Carter administration is asking some 1,500 state and local officials and American business leaders to take immediate steps to conserve energy in response to the cessation of oil from Iran.

If the voluntary program doesn't work and if Iranian production is not restored soon, more stringent measures may be needed to curb the nation's appetite for imported oil, say Energy Department officials.

Energy Secretary James Schlesinger was going before the Senate Energy Committee Wednesday to outline steps the administration is taking to deal with the Iranian situation.

The unrest in Iran has resulted in a complete ban in oil exports, which had been running at around six million barrels a day. Of that, the United States had been getting about 900,000 barrels a day, or about five per cent of its total consumption.

State governors are being asked to enforce the 55 mph speed limit more strictly and urged to turn down the heat in state-owned buildings, Schlesinger aide Jim Bishop said.

They are also being urged to "minimize" official travel

and encourage car pooling," he said.

The administration has prepared a gasoline rationing plan for use in times of severe petroleum shortages, but officials stress that this would be tried only as a last resort.

But they do say that if Iranian production is not restored by this spring, it could mean serious gasoline short-

tages during the summer and depletion of fuel stocks.

As if in confirmation, the Energy Department reported in Washington Tuesday that American energy consumption rose and production dropped in the first nine months of last year.

The report said Americans had an average daily consumption of 36.5 million barrels

of crude oil a day, up 2.2 per cent from the first nine months of 1977.

Domestic energy production dropped 1.1 per cent from 1977, but most of the decline was due to last winter's coal strike, the report said.

American oil production helped reduce the amount of imported fuel by nine per cent, the report indicated.

Carter reportedly holding U.S. budget deficit to \$30 billion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP) — President Carter is holding to his pledge to slash deficit spending to below \$30 billion in the new budget, administration sources said.

The budget for fiscal 1980, which begins in July, was going to press at the government printing office Wednesday and will be presented to Congress Monday.

Administration sources who asked not to be identified confirmed Tuesday that Carter will propose total spending of about \$532 billion for 1980, up about \$40 billion from this

year. Virtually all of the increase is the result of inflation.

With revenues estimated at about \$503 billion, administration will project a 1980 deficit of \$29 billion. That would be the smallest federal deficit since 1973, when it was \$14.8 billion.

Carter will ask Congress to approve a 3 percent increase in defense outlays over and above inflation — to a total of \$12.8 billion by 1980, sources said. Defense spending this year is projected at \$112 billion.

The monthly auction, part of Carter's plan to help the dollar, attracted a total of 41 bids, up from 29 at the January auction.

The increase for defense results from the president's pled-

ge to NATO partners last year to raise U.S. defense outlays by 3 per cent as long as other NATO powers do the same.

Meanwhile, the Treasury Department Tuesday auctioned 1.5 million ounces of gold raising more than \$325 million for the government.

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BRUSSELS: French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet presiding Monday over the meeting of European Economic Community foreign ministers.

Mayor's budget plan

Layoffs loom for New Yorkers

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 (R) — Mayor Edward Koch has unveiled plans to reduce New York City's persistent budget

deficit by slicing up to \$250 million off expenditure with the possible loss of more than 8,500 jobs by June 1980.

Week-long census

600,000 to make Soviet head-count

MOSCOW, Jan. 17 (UPI) — All Soviet citizens got counted Wednesday in the nation's sixth census since the Russian Revolution of 1917.

A body of 600,000 specially trained census officers will scurry about the country for the next week, some using planes and helicopters to reach the less accessible parts, to answer the question: how many people live in the Soviet Union?

The answers will help state economists and demographers lay their plans for the next decade in a country where central planning offices govern everything from the supply of shrimps to the availability of places in school for teenagers.

The politicians will also be watching the results carefully

since bureaucrats are known to be preoccupied by a steady decline in the population growth.

The natural population increase in 1960 was 17.8 per thousand. But that figure fell to 9.2 in 1970 and was down to 8.5 per thousand by 1977.

The overall total is estimated now at 261.2 million.

The Soviet economic journal "Voprosy Ekonomiki" concluded after a recent study that most Soviet families do not want to have more than one or two children and went on to discuss possible ways of reversing the trend.

They included increased maternity leave for expectant mothers, high housing priority for

New York City has been in financial trouble for the past five years, requiring major transfusions in federal and state funds to keep it afloat.

Koch said Monday jobs would be axed in two stages, with the second stage only being put into operation if necessary.

Few people would be actually sacked, as most savings would be through natural attrition.

He said the size of the 1980 budget deficit would be reduced slightly to \$433 million from this year's \$439 million.

Koch said he was counting on \$200 million of additional aid from New York State and \$100 million from Washington to make the most drastic parts of his plan unnecessary. That would include cutting the education, and social services budgets.

Small sugar shortfall seen

LONDON, Jan. 17 (AP) — World sugar production in the 1978-79 crop year is expected to fall fractionally short of consumption requirements, a "World Sugar Journal" said in its January issue published Wednesday.

The journal said that while consumption has been rising at a steady pace and is expected to continue to do so in the crop year, production is expected to fall.

But, in view of high world commercial and surplus stocks in producer hands from previous good crop years, the deficit will be wiped out, resulting in a net "real" surplus of 3,730,000 metric tons, the journal said.

The journal put its revised 1978-79 production estimate at 89,706,000 metric tons and consumption at 90,373,000 metric tons, giving a deficit between production and consumption of 607,000 metric tons.

The comparative figures for the previous 1977-78 crop year were: an estimated production of 92,779,000 tons and estimated consumption of 86,910,000 tons, with an estimated surplus of 5,860,000 tons compared with production of 87,284,000 tons and consumption of 83,742,000 tons in the 1976-77 crop year, with a surplus of 3,542,000 tons.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Eastern Province	Securing of vehicles and equipment	xx	50	Feb. 12
Municipality of Abha	Re-illumination of side-streets	xx	50	Jan. 23
Directorate of Education, Taif	Equipping and furnishing of labs	1/99	Free	Jan. 28
Directorate of Education, Qassim	Securing of educational aids	xx	50	Jan. 28
" "	Maintenance of lifts	xx	100	Feb. 2
Directorate of Education, Hail	Building of ordinary schools	4-98/99	150	Feb. 5



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3 DINARA	GLOBE	GENERAL	1/1/1979
4 NISHI GE MARU	KANOO	PLANTS	1/1/1979
5 ASIA SAMHO	GULF	STEEL/GENERAL	9/1/1979
6 CITY OF HULL	KANOO	GENERAL	1/1/1979
14 WENONNA	S E A	GENERAL	1/1/1979
15 ALODAILAH	KANOO	GENERAL	1/1/1979
16 ROCKHAMPTON	BARBER	GENERAL/REEFER	1/1/1979
17 WAKANAMI MARU	ALIREZA	PLANT/GEN/CONT.	1/1/1979
18 ORIENTAL EXPORTER	BARBER	GENERAL	1/1/1979
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20 PACIFIC PRIDE	GOSAIBI	C. CEMENT	12/1/1979
21 SILVER ZEPHYR	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	5/1/1979
27 STRATHLENFELS	ALIREZA	GENERAL	1/1/1979

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JACKSON	KANOO

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5-Waiting Time: NIL

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA rate.	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.34
Pound Sterling	6.71	6.73	6.77
Deutsche Mark	1.81 (100)	181.50	182.50
Swiss F	2.00 (100)	202.00	201.50
French F	0.77 (100)	79.00	79.50
Italian Lira (100)	—	4.10	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	110.50	110.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	86.20
Egyptian Pound	—	4.60	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.30
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.40
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.00	87.00
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.00	87.00
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.70	8.70
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	9.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.75	73.80

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PRAYER TIMES

THURSDAY

	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:44	7:08	12:38	3:46	6:04	7:34
Medina	5:51	7:12	12:40	3:43	6:00	7:30
Nejd	5:15	6:40	12:06	3:10	5:27	6:57

DHARAN TV

4:14 This Is NFL
4:35 Flintstone Comedy Hnur
5:15 UEVA Special
5:51 Music Time
6:14 Adventure Calls
6:36 Rhoda
7:10 Smoking Spot
7:11 M.A.S.H.
7:36 Starsky & Hutch
8:24 Barney Miller
8:50 Command Performance

Highlights: No. 7
Show Nn. 1
Silk Screen Process in Graphic Arts
Pop & Rock Show Nn. 10
Treasurer Diving
To Vegas With Love
Revenge
Images
The Specialist
Eviction Part 2
A Man Called Gannon

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:

The western and northern regions and parts of the central region are still under a low thermal pressure from East Africa. Cloudy to partially cloudy weather will, therefore, prevail with a possible shower and occasional thunderstorms. Surface winds will blow northeasterly at moderate to active speed raising sand over the central region. Patches of low-lying clouds will appear over the southwestern highlands, with surface winds blowing southerly over the eastern region.

Sea conditions will be moderate to choppy in the Red Sea and medium to light in the Gulf.

Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	24	18	Hail	22	08
Jeddah	26	18	Tabuk	17	05
Riyadh	25	15	Turaij	13	07
Dhahran	24	13	Rafha	19	09
Medina	26	16	Yanbu	29	19
Taif	20	10	Atba	20	04

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission

1:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran
1:02 Gums of Guidance
1:03 "S.A. — A Daily Chronicle"
1:04 S.A. Historical Notes
1:05 Off the Record
1:06 Your Choice
1:07 On Islam
1:08 Islam the Divine Truth
1:09 Music
1:10 NEWS
1:11 Press Review
1:12 Music
1:13 My Music
1:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission

10:00 Opening
10:01 The Holy Quran
10:05 Message to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Music Worldwide
11:00 Champions of Solidarity
11:10 Press Review
11:15 The Sixties
11:45 The World of Guitars
12:00 Islamic Contributions
12:15 The Songwriters
12:45 A. Rendezvous with Dreams
12:59 Close Down

VOA

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8:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities;
Opinion: Analyses
8:30 Dateline
News Summary
9:00 Special English:
News; Feature; The
Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA:
(Standards)
10:00 News Roundup:
Reports: Actualities
->5 Opinion; Analyses

News Summary

10:30 VOA Magazine:
America; Science;
Culture; Letter

11:00 Special English: News

11:30 Music USA:
(Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT

Midnight
12:00 News... anchors' voices... correspondents' reports... background features... media comments... news analyses

BBC

Morning Transm.

6:00 World News
6:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
7:20 "Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
7:00 Newsdesk
9:30 "Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary
10:30 "Sarah Ward
10:45 "Something to Show
You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt
Request Show

Evening Transm.

1:15 Ulster in Focus
1:30 Discovery
2:00 World News
2:09 News about Britain
2:15 Alphabet of
Musical Curios
2:30 Sports International
3:00 Radio Newsreel
3:15 Promenade Concert
3:45 Sports Round-up
4:00 World News
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours
News Summary

11:30 The Pleasure's Yours

Midnight Transm.

12:15 Talkabout
12:45 Nature
Notebook

1:00 World News
1:09 World Today
1:25 Financial News
1:35 Book Choice
1:40 Reflections
1:45 Sports Round-up
2:00 World News
2:09 Commentary
2:15 The Face of England

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FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Someone in a position of power may change his plans, which in turn, may create problems for you on the job.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Just as you thought everything was settled in a romantic situation, a new wrinkle crops up. Be patient with another's insecurity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Though domestic plans have been finalized, there may be a hitch caused by either a relative or a lending institution. Accept delays.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Complications may arise re an important decision or agreement made recently. Though you make progress now, there are some new problems.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You may have a difference of opinion over a question of independence. Red tape and the proper procedures may try your patience.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Attending a party with a loved one is fun, but one of you may want to leave the party early. Mixed vibrations await you there.

picture. Instead of dwelling on what could go wrong, trust your feelings.

LIBRA Be patient with an older relative who may be feeling out of sorts. Someone on the home front may not go along with planned domestic changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A lively discussion at a group gathering wins you both friends and opponents. In any case, others will know where you stand on the issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Career progress is highlighted, but there may be some financial questions still pending. Seek compromise as an antidote to a stalemate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're anxious to get started with an important project and you can present your case well, but you still need another's approval.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't let fears get the best of you regarding a financial project. Moments doing necessary research may be interrupted with periods of doubt.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Some self-doubt on your part may mar the romantic

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Widespread fighting

Cambodian troops strike back hard

BANGKOK, Jan. 17 (AP)—Tough Cambodian troops bypassed by a modern Vietnamese invasion force were striking back hard, with fighting reported Wednesday in widespread areas of Cambodia, including two coastal cities and remote areas of the northwest.

Thai and Western analysts closely following the Cambodian war, now in its fourth week, said there were sharp fighting and heavy air strikes in and around the seaport of Kompong Som and at Kampong, another port and provincial capital on the Gulf of Siam.

Vietnamese forces, they said, also had taken the remote town of Samrong in the northwest and were moving closer to the Buddhist cliff temple of Preah Vihear.

The radio of the ousted regime, believed to be broadcasting from southern China, claimed Wednesday that President Khoum Samphan and Premier Pol Pot were personally directing the campaign.

The broadcast also claimed that fighting was going on around Phnom Penh and said, "although the Vietnamese were able to enter Phnom Penh they

are now facing a people's war directed by our revolutionary troops in every corner of Cambodia."

Analysts piecing together the fighting at Kompong Som, Cambodia's only deepwater port, said Cambodian troops drove back into the city earlier this week and Vietnamese ground troops, supported by some of the heaviest air strikes of the war, went in to clear them out.

The latest available reports said Kompong Som, 228 kilometers southwest of Phnom Penh, was "highly contested" and there was fighting inside the city as well as along nearby sections of Highway 4 to Phnom Penh, the American-financed artery once known as "Friendship Highway."

Thai intelligence said Vietnamese troops were moving from the south toward the Lao border and had taken Cheom Ksan in the northern province of Preah Vihear.

The temple of the same name was claimed by both Thailand and Cambodia and was the subject of serious national disputes which contributed to the breaking of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The temple was finally awarded to Cambodia in 1962 in a decision by the International Court of Justice. It was one of the last places to hold out against the Communist victors of the 1970-75 war.

The intelligence said Vietnamese helicopters had been sighted in the area of the temple.

And a high-ranking Cambodian diplomat claimed to Bangkok Wednesday that about 4,000 Soviet advisers were operating with 12 Vietnamese divisions in Cambodia and that photographs would soon be released to the world as proof of their presence.

Through loudspeakers at all three places, the youths demanded the release of "hundreds of political prisoners" and the publication of a manifesto to lash out at the heavily-handed military regime of President Carlos Romero.

A spokesman for the youths, who covered their faces with red handkerchiefs and said they belonged to the leftist United Popular Action Front, said over the phone they wanted the release of at least 720 political prisoners.

They also demanded a full accounting of the 108 persons they said had "disappeared" — a euphemism for people never seen again after they were picked up by plainclothes agents of the military regime.

And they demanded the lifting of a year-old "Public Order Law" that gives police wide-ranging authority to put down public demonstrations and political activities.

TOKYO, Jan. 17 (AP)—China announced a new policy to reward inventors Wednesday and said cash rewards, previously frowned on as egalitarian, were necessary to encourage learning.

The official Hsinhua news agency said rewards for new, advanced and practical inventions would range from 1,000 to 10,000 yuan (560 to \$6,250) with especially important inventions receiving special prizes.

The official newspaper "People's Daily" said the scarcity of inventions and discoveries in China was one reason why per capita national income lagged behind even most Third World countries.

It said the growth of China's material wealth now depends less on laboring longer and harder, and more on advances in science and technology.

The paper's editorial, broadcast in part by Hsinhua, said "rewarding those whose inventions benefit the people is, in the last analysis, in the interest

Late News



FROZEN IN THEIR TRACKS: Cars on a Chicago street form a still-life of a traffic jam as winter comes with a vengeance to America's second largest city. The storms have forced O'Hare International Airport to close down briefly and sent temperatures plummeting. Blood and food are being airlifted into the city Wednesday. (See story page five.)

Report reveals

Americans got richer in 1978

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Americans' personal income and the output of factories increased sharply in December as the U.S. economy ended 1978 on a strong note, the government said Wednesday.

The public will thus have more money to spend at the start of the year, possibly contributing to continued business and job expansion.

The Commerce Department report said personal income for the year increased by 11.7 per cent, although much of the income was consumed by inflation.

On Thursday the government is scheduled to release a report on the economy's fourth quarter which may show economic growth at an annual rate of 5 per cent.

That probably would be more than enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising above 6 per cent, economists say.

Deaths feared in Miami chopper crash

OPA-LOCKA, Fla., Jan. 17 (AP)—Two helicopters collided over a busy suburban Miami airport Wednesday, strewn the field with bodies and debris. Police said at least four people were killed and there were no known survivors.

"There's all dead people out there," said a dispatcher for Randy-Eastern Ambulance. "They're lying on the field like rag dolls."

He said eight body bags were requested, but he did not know how many people were dead.

'Would be doomed'

Callaghan shelves Rhodesian talks plan



The prime minister

Callaghan said at the time that the conference could be held in Britain early this year and that he himself would be willing to act as chairman.

But Hughes said in his report there is no basis for convening such a conference at the moment.

Callaghan said he accepted this advice and discussed it with President Carter at the recent Guadeloupe summit.

Hughes was accompanied throughout by Stephen Low, United States ambassador to

"We reaffirmed our commitment to do all in our power to promote a negotiated settlement," Callaghan said. "We were in full agreement that it would lose nothing by offering a place to the Patriotic Front within the present internal settlement."

"The chief motive of each side in the negotiation will, I am afraid, not be to seek an understanding but rather to demonstrate that the other is unreasonable and intransigent," Hughes said. "This is a prescription for breakdown, subsequent intensification of the war and intensified Communist involvement."

But Hughes added "I strongly recommend that we should nevertheless continue to do everything we can to work for a negotiated solution and we should be ready to act (rapidly if necessary) to bring the parties together as soon as an opportunity presents itself to do so with some hope of a successful outcome."

Hughes added that Low "fully supports these conclusions."

Iran said resuming fuel oil exports

TEHRAN, Jan. 17 (AP)—Iran is to resume oil exports for the first time in three weeks within the next few days, National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) sources said Wednesday.

Exports from Iran, normally the world's second biggest exporter after Saudi Arabia, have been halted since Dec. 2 because of strikes in the fields.

But the sources said only limited quantities of fuel oil would be exported to create centrally-needed storage space and no move had been made to begin exports of crude.

They said five tankers were preparing to ship some 300,000 tons of fuel oil to countries including Italy, the Netherlands and Singapore.

The production of crude oil has hovered between 400,000 and 485,000 barrels a day over the past four days. Domestic needs require daily production of 700,000 barrels.

Production started picking up in the fields just under a week ago as workers at five large refineries were persuaded to return to work by oil position leaders.

Because of the bottleneck in fuel oil exports that jammed the normal flow of other products through the system, there were still severe shortages in other parts of the country of heating oil and gasoline.

John Wayne's cancer spreads, tests show

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 (AP)—More cancer has been found in John Wayne, who had his cancerous stomach removed last week, his doctors said Wednesday.

The final pathological report, taken on body tissues after the 9-hour operation on the 71-year-old actor was completed last Friday, showed evidence of cancer in the gastric lymph nodes, said Bernard Stomn, administrator of the UCLA Medical Center.

"There is concern, naturally," Stomn said.

But he added the finding will not alter the post-operative treatment and said no doctors found it to be cancerous.

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From page one

Britain

Another government statement on the crisis will be made in parliament Thursday.

Iran

Egyptian and Iranian leaders. (Story on page three)

Reporters were denied access to the hotel, but sources said Sadat and the Shah resumed Wednesday morning the "informal, heart-to-heart" talks they began late Tuesday.

Egyptian officials said the Shah's plane was not certain, and Sadat was leaving it to him to decide the length of his visit.

Egyptian officials said Sadat is aware the Shah's visit is a "very sensitive and delicate affair" and could give rise to criticism both in Iran and some nations of the Third World.

Wednesday trouble-shooting government committees in the regions reported some strikes were still flouting appeals from Callaghan to ease their picketing.

With train drivers set to begin a one-day national strike Thursday — their second this week — the government was concerned that critical shortages were looming, the source said.

A state of emergency would give the administration power to requisition trucks which could be driven by troops.

Atherton

that settlements in these territories were illegal and an obstacle to peace—had not changed.

On Wednesday the finance committee of the Knesset (parliament) appropriated \$37.7 million for the proposed settlements.

The state-run radio said the money will go to "expansion" of settlements in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights.

In addition, the committee approved some \$3 million for the construction of a highway "that will cut across the Samaria region" of the West Bank, the radio said.

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